

COMMITTEE CONCERNING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MEETING MINUTES

City of Middletown
245 DeKoven Drive Room 208

Apr. 2, 2013

6:30 PM

1. Members Present: Marty Knight, Chairperson, Marie Hurley, Elderrean Paules, Richard Pelletier, Keith Vinci, Karen Nocera, Staff, Parks and Recreation, McKenzie Guevarez, Youth in Govt. Representative, Denese Samuels, Youth in Government, Abigail Nolan, Youth in Government

Absent: Joseph Carta, Auggie DeFrance, Stephen Shapiro, Acting Director of Park and Recreation and Senior Center – Debbie Stanley

Staff Present: None

General Public: Phil Cacciola and Shauna Matthews

2. Meeting Called to Order: Called to order at 6:34pm.

3. Public Hearing: Phil Cacciola spoke to Tina in the Mayor's office and was told that the paperwork is ready for the audio signals to be installed. Phil then called the electrician and told him that he should have the paperwork and that there is no excuse to not have College Street, William Street and Court Street done. The next goal is to have Rappallo Avenue and Liberty Street completed. The Mayor will be forming a Committee for Veterans Park. The City Ordinance states that someone from the Committee Concerning People with Disabilities should be appointed to the Committee for Veterans Park. Phil Cacciola will be appointed on behalf of the City Veterans. He would also like to volunteer to also be the representative for the Committee Concerning People with Disabilities. Phil mentioned that he has an interest in serving on the Committee Concerning People with Disabilities. Marty Knight said that he will write a letter to the Mayor asking that Phil be appointed in place of Judy Merida. It was thought that Judy's position was filled by Abigail Nolan however after review it was found that a student cannot replace an adult as a member. A discussion ensued. Richard Pelletier is not only on the Committee Concerning People with Disabilities but also the Riverfront Commission. He mentioned that there may be times when he has to leave this meeting early to attend the other one. This was said to be ok by all in attendance. Keith Vinci asked the Committee whether or not the first Tuesday of the month was good for everyone. A discussion ensued.

4. Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 5, 2013, was made by Keith Vinci and seconded by Marie Hurley.

Departmental Reports:

- Ellie Paules of Monarca Place mentioned that there are not any new issues to report on.
- Karen Nocera discussed the fact that the Recreation Department is making it so that people can register for activities online by using a credit card. A report would then be generated to the staff and it should make registration much easier. The Recreation Department is registering a great deal of people for various programs. Keith Vinci is teaching a sign language class. A discussion ensued.

Old Business

- **Parking issue at 118 Newfield Street Unit 8:**
 - Resolved
- **Sidewalk issues on Newfield Street:**

- Ongoing

New Business:

- Keith Vinci was reappointed to the Committee Concerning People with Disabilities for another 5 year term.

Miscellaneous:

- Karen handed out the sign language interpreter letters that will be going to the news stations. The Committee reviewed the letter. Karen read the letter aloud. A motion was made to accept this letter by Richard Pelletier and seconded by Marie Hurley. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention. A discussion ensued.
- McKenzie Guevarez stated that they were able to use the locker rooms at the High School for Track and Field. The boys get 1 set of lockers and the girls get the other set. She stated that the locker room is very spacious. A discussion ensued.
- Richard Pelletier had to excuse himself to attend another meeting.

Adjournment: A motion of adjournment was made by Marie Hurley and was seconded by Elderrean Paules. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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